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Multicultural Commission Commemorates One Year Anniversary

On Nov. 15, 2011 the Multicultural Commission met for its first meeting under the newly established Multicultural Affairs Office. For the first time, members representing State agencies and leadership within the ethnic community sat down at the same table and were charged to address issues impacting the ethnic community. During this meeting Commission members expressed consensus in ensuring adequate funding, working collectively, improving the quality of life within the ethnic population, and developing partnerships between state agencies and the ethnic community.

It has now been exactly one year since the Multicultural Commission first met. The Commission is now composed of five subcommittees: Economic Development, Education, Corrections, Health, and Creative Partnerships; each with their own priorities and goals. As the **(Continued on Page 2)**



Bottom Row: Steven Ha, Robyn Williams, Nathan Hanamaikai, Julie Fisher, Governor Gary R. Herbert, Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Maria Recto, Samantha Eldridge **Middle Row:** Bev Uipi, James Jackson III, Lt. Governor Greg Bell, Mani Grewal, Dr. Roderic Land **Top Row:** Winston Wilkinson, Benjamin Au, James Whitaker, Brenda Hales, Aden Batar, Representative Jeremy Peterson, Jeff Herring, Pamela Atkinson, Palmer DePaulis

Governor Herbert Addresses Multicultural Commission

Addressing the Multicultural Commission on Nov. 20, 2012 Governor Gary R. Herbert acknowledged that the multicultural community is an important part of the fabric of Utah and should be appreciated for their different cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds. For this reason, Governor Herbert thanked Commission members for their hard work and remarked that the work that the Commission has accomplished thus far has offered a new and improved approach that lends itself to better access.



ESLC Celebrates with an Open House

By Beth Garstka, Community Outreach Director, ESLC

Amina Mohamed resettled in the United States in 2000 from Sudan. About a year ago she found her way to the English Skills Learning Center (ESLC), in October 2012, asking for help to prepare for the US citizenship exam. Because of her work schedule, she was not able to attend one of the ESLC small group citizenship classes; she needed a flexible class that would fit her schedule. Therefore, she was matched with a volunteer to work one-on-one at the Hunter Library in West Valley City.

On October 26, 2011, Amina was given an English test to find out her skill level. The test results showed that she had a long way to prepare for the citizenship test as her literacy skills (reading and writing) were considerably low. As the volunteer teacher started working with her, within a few months, Amina showed some progress in her literacy skills and this progress continued with her dedi-

cated attendance to the class and her overall hard work. In June 2012, she applied for citizenship and took the test in September 2012. She passed three out of four parts of the test: speaking, reading and civics. After two more months of studying, she had one more chance to retake the writing portion of the test. Finally her hard work paid off, as she passed the writing part of the test in her second attempt on November 29, 2012.

Amina manages to be the head of her household, be the caretaker of her children, works full time, and found enough time to gain her US citizenship. During the open house, ESLC celebrated Amina's success, along with other students, volunteers, community partners, and new friends.

The English Skills Learning Center provides individualized English instruction to adult refugees and immigrants. Students speak little or no English, and often are not literate in any language. ESLC currently tutors students from 40 different countries and works with over 175 volunteers to serve close to 500 students in the Salt Lake City area. To learn more about the English Skills Learning Center visit <http://www.eslcenter.org/>.



Human Rights Day Celebration 2012

In 1948, when Eleanor Roosevelt stood before the United Nations and delivered her speech about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, she said,

"It is inherent in our firm attachment to democracy and freedom that we stand always ready to use the fundamental democratic procedures of honest discussion and negotiation. It is now as always our hope that despite the wide differences in approach we face in the world today, we can with mutual good faith in the principles of the United Nations Charter, arrive at a common basis of understanding."

It is for this very reason that on Dec. 10, 2012, the Salt Lake Human Rights Commission and The Mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights celebrated the 64th signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event was held at The Leonardo with approximately 95 people in attendance. The celebration included food, live music, art auction, and a traditional Chinese Lion Dance performance. Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker read a proclamation of Human Rights Day and special guest speakers Samira Harnish, President and Chairwoman of Women of the World, and Gerald Brown, Director of the Utah Refugee Services Office, spoke on behalf of human rights.

The night ended with human rights awards presented to Utah Health and Human Rights, a direct service and advocacy agency that promotes the health, dignity, and self-sufficiency of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and asylees, and the late Brian Barnard, former prominent civil rights attorney. All of the money raised will help fund the Human Rights Education Project. More information about the project can be found at <http://www.slsgov.com/odhr/hrp>.

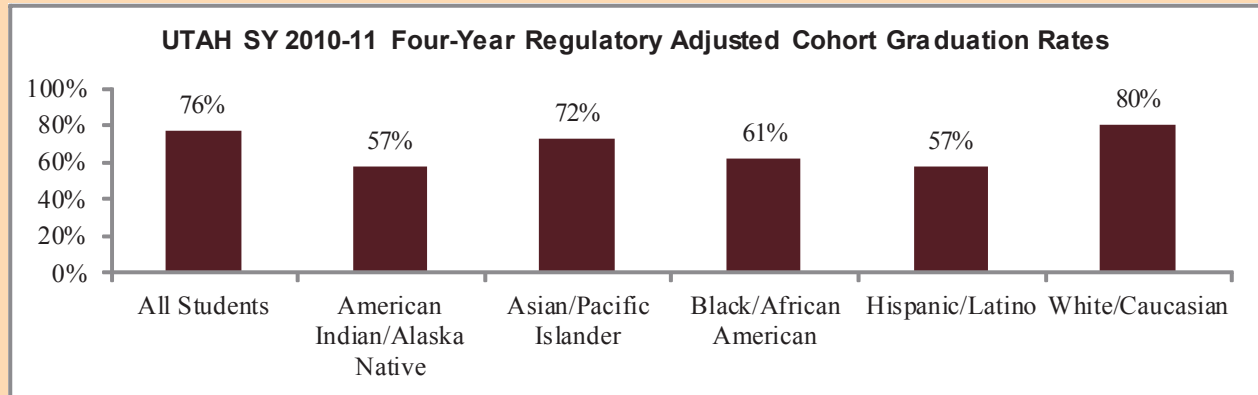
MCC One Year Anniversary

(Continued from Page 1) Commission moves forward in the next year each Subcommittee plans to develop culturally diverse outreach programs to ensure state resources promote the quality of life within each subcommittee. Future programming includes a Small Business Forum, K-12 Diversity Awareness Program, and a Correctional Mentorship Program. As new issues arise and demographics change, the Commission plans to add new programming as they move forward to address the issues and concerns of the ethnic population. To learn more about the Multicultural Commission visit <http://multiculturalaffairs.utah.gov/>.

Utah's High School Graduation Rates Among the Lowest

According to preliminary data released by the U.S. Department of Education on Nov. 26, 2012, graduation rates for 2010-11 ranks Utah in the lower half of the country. With a graduation rate of 76 percent this places Utah lower than 31 states. This is contrary to previous reports calculating Utah's graduation rate at 90 percent and reflects an effort by the U.S. Department of Education to provide a uniform baseline for analysis using the same standardized measurements for all states. Top ranking states included Iowa with an 88 percent graduation rate, followed by Wisconsin and Vermont tied at 87 percent. Washington D.C. ranked last with a 59 percent graduation rate.

The data also highlights dramatic gaps in achievement by race and ethnicity, income, language proficiency and learning disability. In Utah, Latinos had the fourth-lowest graduation rate in the country at 57 percent and tied with Minnesota for the second-lowest graduation rate among Asian/Pacific Islander students at 72 percent. Oregon had the worst graduation rates for all ethnic and race groups while Minnesota ranked the lowest among Native American students with only 42 percent of students graduating with a diploma in four years.



Source: U.S. Department of Education

Refugee Community Honors Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon

On Dec. 4, 2012 Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon was recognized for his contribution to the refugee community. The ceremony was conducted during the Salt Lake County Council meeting and was attended by refugees, state representatives, members of nonprofit organizations, and various other stakeholders. Multicultural Commission member and Assistant Deputy Director for the Department of Workforce Services James Whitaker acknowledged Mayor Corroon for his work in the refugee community and announced that recent visits from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and U.S. Department of State visits have touted Utah as the best state for services to refugees and thanked Mayor Corroon for his role in this honor.

Gerald Brown, Director of the State Refugee Services Office, also thanked Mayor Corroon for the tremendous difference he has made in the refugee community. At this time, Mayor Corroon was presented with a patchwork quilt which read "In Appreciation of Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon on his contribution to the refugee community in Utah."

Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon receives recognition from Gerald Brown



Salt Lake Chinatown Opens Door to New Restaurant

On Nov. 30, 2012, Salt Lake Chinatown opened its door to Chinatown Buffet. The event was celebrated with a traditional lion dance performance and free food and beverages. The opening of Chinatown Buffet marks the beginning of a retail shopping area that will span an entire block and will consist of shops, restaurants, and retail stores celebrating Utah's growing Asian community.

Chinatown is located on 3390 South between State and Main Streets and opens through a large, decorative traditional Chinese Gate. For more information visit www.saltlakechinatown.com.

Nearly 300 Utah Businesses Participate in the Annual International Summit

By Ariel Briggs, STEP Program Coordinator, GOED

In October, nearly 300 Utah companies participated in the International Summit. This was a unique opportunity for Utah businesses to meet with Utah's foreign trade representative and gain invaluable information regarding export processes and foreign markets.

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Wells Fargo and Ballard Spahr. Topics included: Entering Asian Markets: China, Japan, and Korea; Selling in Europe; The Entrepreneur's Handbook: Working Toward More Intelligent Business Decisions; Sales, Strategy and Success in Latin America; Opportunities in the Middle East & North Africa; and Engaging in Global Business & the Export Transaction Cycle.

Rich Eggett, President of Rockwell Watches, a Utah company looking to expand its reach internationally, stated on KUER, "We've had a lot of people contact us from other countries, even within the first year of starting, and we just didn't know the correct steps and how to do it, and so we've always put it off," said Eggett, "This is really good for us, kind of like a mentor walking you along on how to do it."



Derek Miller, Chief of Staff for Governor Herbert; Gary Harter, Managing Director GOED; Representative from Overstock; and Spencer Eccles, Executive Director GOED.

The event wrapped up with a popular and successful networking reception that was sponsored by Overstock.com.

The International Summit will be held again in September 2013. Export promotion will remain its emphasis with a greater focus on export logistics, regulations and market entry. Get involved early by contacting Ariel Briggs, State Trade and Export Promotion Program Coordinator, at [801-538-8778](tel:801-538-8778) or abriggs@utah.gov.

US Census Bureau Projects a More Diverse Nation a Half Century From Now

According to projections released on Dec. 12, 2012 by the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. population will be considerably older and more racially and ethnically diverse by 2060. These projections, which cover the 2012-2060 period, are the first set of population projections based on the 2010 Census.

It is projected that the non-Hispanic white population will peak in 2024, at 199.6 million, up from 197.8 million in 2012. Unlike other race or ethnic groups, however, its population is projected to slowly decrease, falling by nearly 20.6 million from 2024 to 2060. Meanwhile, the Hispanic population would more than double, from 53.3 million in 2012 to 128.8 million in 2060. Consequently, by the end of the period, nearly one in three U.S. residents would be Hispanic, up from about one in six today.

The black population is expected to increase from 41.2 million to 61.8 million over the same period. Its share of the total population would rise slightly, from 13.1 percent in 2012 to 14.7 percent in 2060. The Asian population is projected to more than double, from 15.9 million in 2012 to 34.4 million in 2060, with its share of nation's total population climbing from 5.1 percent to 8.2 percent in the same period.

Among the remaining race groups, American Indians and Alaska Natives would increase by more than half from now to 2060, from 3.9 million to 6.3 million, with their share of the total population edging up from 1.2 percent to 1.5 percent. The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population is expected to nearly double, from 706,000 to 1.4 million. The number of people who identify themselves as being of two or more races is projected to more than triple, from 7.5 million to 26.7 million over the same period.

The U.S. is projected to become a majority-minority nation for the first time in 2043. While the non-Hispanic white population will remain the largest single group, no group will make up a majority. All in all, minorities, now 37 percent of the U.S. population, are projected to comprise 57 percent of the population in 2060. (Minorities consist of all but the single-race, non-Hispanic white population.) The total minority population would more than double, from 116.2 million to 241.3 million over the period.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov)

Upcoming Events!

February 5-7, 2013
Cultural Competency Training
Multicultural Affairs will host a three day workshop to assist participants to:

- ⇒ Become more aware of their own personal and organizational cultures;
- ⇒ Examine how their personal and organizational cultures affect their ability to work across differences in both negative and positive ways;
- ⇒ Build skills to increase opportunities in working with others who are different.

April 30, 2013
Youth Leadership Summit
Multicultural Affairs will host a one day conference to empower students to become leaders in their community.

Student Spotlight

Emilio Manuel Camu is a third-year, Filipino American student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and Asian American Studies at the University of Utah. Hailing from one of the 7,107 islands of the Philippines, Emilio is passionate about his native culture and aims to represent his identity as both Filipino and Asian American while advocating for his communities.

He is currently serving his second term as the President of the Asian American Student Association (AASA) and the founding President of the Filipino American Student Association at the University of Utah.

As the President of AASA, he helped plan the 13th Annual Asian American High School Conference, the 20th Annual Asian American Awareness Week, the 1st Annual Asian American Art Exhibit, and scores of service and social activities for and inclusive of the Asian American communities of Utah.

Emilio has served as the Chair of Volunteers for the Utah Asian Festival and the Utah Vietnamese Summer Festival; and, currently as the Youth Chair for the National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XI; the Utah Chair for the National Asian Pacific American Collaboration, the West Coast Asian Pacific Islander Student Coalition, and the Southwest Collaboration of Asian American Student Leaders. He also serves as a Peer Mentor for the Center for Ethnic Student Affairs at the University of Utah.

"There will be times where you're indescribably upset because the work you're doing to connect your peers, your family, your colleagues, your acquaintances goes unused."

"As long as all the work that has been done has affected at least one person, has aided one person, has connected one person for the betterment of their life, then it's an effort well done."

"You are not alone in representing and voicing your people AND yourself!"
Emilio Manuel Camu



Emilio is in the beginning stages of establishing the first Asian American Magazine for Utah. He supports his communities by actively participating and serving in leadership positions in various communities. Emilio hopes to use his skills as a communication major to continuously give back to his community.



ACCESS ASIA: Culinary Flavors of Asia

On Dec. 4, 2012 the Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce (UACC) hosted its fourth year of showcasing different Asian restaurants and caterers in a competition format. More than five restaurants were featured competing for the coveted UACC Peoples' Choice Award. Sample dishes were provided by EJO Korean Restaurant, Café Trang, Taste of India, J. Wong's Asian Bistro, and Ichiban Sushi & Asian Grill with Taste of India taking the Peoples' Choice Award. This signature event not only brings in revenue and builds membership for UACC but is an opportunity for local restaurants to highlight and share their culinary dishes.

Overall, the purpose of the UACC is to promote social, economic, and other business resources to enable its members to become successful entrepreneurs and professionals. This is accomplished through training, education, sharing of information, networking and other resources that is made available through the UACC and Asian owned businesses. To learn more about UACC visit www.utahasianchamber.org.

Quick Facts!

Below are just a few of the many holidays to celebrate this month as well as some facts about them:

- * The Latin American festival of Las Posadas is celebrated by some Mexican Americans and other Hispanic Americans between December 16 and 24. The 2010 Census counted almost 31.8 million Mexican Americans.
- * The Winter Solstice occurs this year on December 21. Many individuals celebrate this day, including the Hopi Indians who celebrate Soyuluna. In 2011, there were 12,369 Hopi Indians in the United States.
- * The Chinese celebrate the holiday Dong Zhi on the Winter Solstice. Chinese Americans number more than 3.3 million.
- * Some Americans celebrate the African American holiday Kwanzaa, which begins on December 26 and ends on January 1. Since 1966, the number of people identifying themselves as Black or African American has doubled to over 42 million.
- * This year, Hanukkah begins on December 8. The first Jewish synagogue in the United States was dedicated in December 1763. Built in Newport, RI, it served the second Jewish congregation established in the United States.


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Announcements

Multicultural Affairs Quarterly Newsletter

Lt. Governor Greg Bell, Chair, Multicultural Commission
 Claudia Nakano, Director, Multicultural Affairs
 Samantha Eldridge, Special Projects Coordinator, Multicultural Affairs

Please send submissions to this Newsletter and/or to be included in the Newsletter Mailing list to seldridge@utah.gov.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  **Office for EQUITY and DIVERSITY**
 January 19th - 26th, 2013

Featuring a keynote speech by
Reverend Jesse L. Jackson
 on Thursday Jan. 24, 12pm, at the Jon M. Huntsman Center
 For free tickets, visit www.UtahTickets.com

Other Events Include:
 • Rally & Parade (march/parade)
 • Screening of *The Interrupters*, followed by a panel discussion
 • Performance by comedian Cory Zooman Miller

For more information, visit our website:
diversity.utah.edu/martin-luther-king

2013 GOVERNOR'S ENERGY DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT
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Join Governor Gary R. Herbert for the Governor's Energy Development Summit, "Advancing our Energy Future."

The event's objective is to facilitate a discussion of Utah's unique energy resources and related development.

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Main Conference Day - Thursday, January 10, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Technical Day - Friday, January 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Sil Lum Kung Fu Kwoon
 Grand Opening in Chinatown

Come celebrate with food, fun and fantastic shows!

Where: 3370 South State St. #1 South Salt Lake City
 When: January 5, 2013 from 11am - 2pm

Event Schedule:
 Traditional Lion Dance 11:00 AM
 Lunch 11:45 PM
 Raffle, Demos, Kung Fu Demo 12:15 PM
 Dragon Dance 1:00 PM

• Open house for the new school
 • Kung Fu Demonstrations
 • Lion & Dragon Dance Performances
 • FREE food provided by Chinatown Buffet and Chinatown Eatery
 • FREE chair massages provided by Hazeen Hunt and A-Zen Therapy

*Food is donated. Free carter and valet.

Save the date

Annual American Indian Caucus Day

February 6, 2013

Capital Round Room, Utah State Capitol

The Office for Equity and Diversity at the University of Utah presents the 29th annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise

Event Week: January 19 - 26, 2013

Sat., January 19, 2013
MLK Day of Service
 8:30 a.m.
 - Lowell Bennison Community Service Center
 Ogden Student Union Building
 A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m., followed by carpool to various service sites at 9:00 a.m. Service lasts until noon. Pre-register at Bennisoncenter.org.

Mon., January 21, 2013
5th Annual MLK, Jr. Celebration Rally & Parade
 2:00 p.m. Rally 3:00 p.m. Parade
 - East High School Auditorium
 Brief presentations will be offered at East High School followed by a 1.3-mile parade (march/parade) to the U.S. Presidents Circle. Please dress for the weather and for walking.

Tues., January 22, 2013
Panel Discussion "Educational Access: At What Cost?"
 12:30 p.m.
 - East Ballroom, Ogden Student Union
Theater Production: A Look at America's Dark Side
 From Utah's First African-American Theatre Company
 7:00 p.m.
 - East Ballroom, Ogden Student Union
 A dramatic and poetic depiction of what it means to be Black in America-expressed, of course, to a musical beat!


Wed., January 23, 2013
The Interrupters
 Film Screening & Panel Discussion
 7:00 p.m.
 - Utah Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium
 Ogden Student Union
 An exhilarating film about a community non-profit organization that aims to end violence and conflict in Chicago.


Thurs., January 24, 2013
Keynote Address
Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Founder and President of Rainbow PUSH Coalition
 Noon
 - Jon M. Huntsman Center
 Rev. Jesse Jackson is a world-renowned civil rights activist and politician who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and has since continued the fight for social change.
 This event is free, although tickets are required for entry. See UtahTickets.com

Thurs., January 24, 2013
2013 Conference on Social Awareness
 Featuring Julian Bond, Chairman of the NAACP
 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
 - Senator For Ecce Business Building
 The purpose of the Conference on Social Awareness (CSA) is to create awareness about societal disparities, inequalities, and oppression within a social justice framework.

Other Events
Pioneer Theater Events
 In relation to the production of *Cybourne Park*
 • January 24 - Stage reading of *Raisin in the Sun* at the UMFH Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (includes talk back)
 • January 26 - Stage reading of *Raisin in the Sun* at the UMFH Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
 • February 5 - Screening of *Raisin in the Sun* at the Broadway Centre Cinemas, SLC, time TBA
 • February 6 - Screening of *Raisin in the Sun* at the Broadway Centre Cinemas, SLC, time TBA
 • February 15 - Opening of *Cybourne Park*, Pioneer Theatre Company, 7:00 p.m. (runs through March 2)
 • February 21 - Panel Discussion "The Price of Change: Neighborhoods in Cybourne Park and Salt Lake City," Babcock Theatre, 5:00 p.m.
 • February 23 - Actor Talk Back, follows immediately after the 2:00 p.m. performance of *Cybourne Park*

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 **Reverend Jesse L. Jackson**

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